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1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO FIELD TELCON WITH KELLER, EMBASSY WELCOMES POSSIBLE USDOC ORGANIZED TRADE MISSION DEVOTED TO POLLUTION CONTROL OF WATER SUPPLIES, WATER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTATION TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20-24. EMBASSY WOULD PLAN FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN BRUSSELS, BRIEFINGS AT EEC AND NATO, VISIT TO ANTWERP. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG POSSIBLE ONE DAY VISIT TO GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USEFUL ONE WEEK VISIT BY PROPOSED POLLUTION CONTROL TRADE MISSION IN FIELD OF WATER SUPPLY CAN BE ORGANIZED FOR PERIOD PROPOSED (SEPTEMBER 20-24). ONLY TRADE SHOW SCHEDULED FOR THAT PERIOD IS GHENT INTERNATIONAL FAIR WHICH WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FORUM FOR MISSION. BELGIUM DOES HOST ONE TRADE SHOW IN THIS FIELD ON BIENNIAL BASIS, I.E. AQUARAMA, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30- APRIL 2
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THIS YEAR BUT HAS RECENTLY BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE OF QUOTE

LACK OF INTEREST UNQUOTE. NEXT AQUARAMA SHOW IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 1978.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR TRADE MISSION WHICH WOULD BE COMPOSED OF 6 - 8 INDIVIDUALS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 -- BRIEFING IN EMBASSY ON STATE OF MARKET. VISIT LATER IN MORNING TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS WHERE EEC OFFICIALS WOULD PROVIDE BRIEFING ON WHAT COMMUNITY IS DOING IN FIELD OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND A PRESENTATION ON GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF COMMUNITY IN THIS AREA. AFTERNOON -- BRIEFING AT NATO ON CCMS MAJOR PROJECTS IN FIELD OF POLLUTION. THIS BRIEFING WOULD BE OFFERED BY MR. SAMPAS AND OTHERS. CCMS IS ACTIVE IN PROJECTS CONTROLLING WATER POLLUTION AFFECTING OCEANS, COASTS AND INLAND WATERWAYS. IT IS ALSO CONCERNED WITH UNDERGROUND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-- INDIVIDUAL AND/OR COLLECTIVE CALLS BY TRADE MISSION MEMBERS ON END-USERS, POTENTIAL AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTORS AND AS APPROPRIATE WITH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES INTERESTED IN WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 -- FULL DAY VISIT TO ANTWERP WITH VISIT TO END-USERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLE AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTORS. POSSIBLE CALL ON GOVERNOR KINSBERGEN OF ANTWERP WHO HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT IN PAST. PORT AREA OF ANTWERP CONTAINS 14 PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES AND THERE ARE 5 REFINERIES IN ANTWERP AREA, IN ADDITION TO AMOCO CHEMICAL PLANT AT GEEL AND SIGMAR STEEL MILL AT ZELZATE. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 -- FULL DAY VISIT TO GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG WITH CALLS ON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG WHICH WILL COMMENT FURTHER ON THIS PROGRAM.

4. AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED MESSAGES, BELGIUM HAS BEEN SLOW IN CARRYING OUT MEASURES DESIGNED TO LIMIT POLLUTION IN WATER AND IN ATMOSPHERE. CURRENT RECESSION HAS HAD EFFECT OF FURTHER DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION WHICH IS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS. IT SEEMS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE ECONOMY BEGINS TO PICK UP INDUSTRY MAY BE IN BETTER FRAME OF MIND FOR CARRYING OUT NEEDED MEASURES. GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS SPECIAL OFFICE ON ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY LAX IN THIS REGARD AND FUNDS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR POLLUTION HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE.

5. ADDITIONAL FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND BY COMMERCE IN PLANNING MISSION ARE:
(A) SOME BELGIAN FIRMS WILL ATTEND SEPTEMBER AQUATECH SHOW IN HOLLAND. (B) PARIS TRADE CENTER IS HOLDING ITS OWN POLLUTION CONTROL EXHIBIT MARCH 30 - APRIL 2 TO WHICH SEVERAL BELGIAN FIRMS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST TO US AND HAVE INDICATED THEY

PLAN TO VISIT SHOW. (C) AN IMPORTANT SELECTION OF U.S. FIRMS ACTIVE IN WATER TREATMENT ARE ESTABLISHED IN BELGIUM. THESE FIRMS ARE: CULLIGAN; LINDSAY DIVISION OF ECODYNE; REXNORD WHICH OWNS 30 PERCENT OF BELGIAN FIRM OCP, S.A.; CALGON THROUGH ITS BELGIAN FIRM CHEMVIRON-BRUNNER; AND DORR-OLIVER.

6. COMMERCE WILL WISH TO REFER TO MARKET RESEARCH OF NOVEMBER 1974 ENTITLED QUOTE AIR AND WATER PURIFICATION CONTROL EQUIPMENT UNQUOTE. THIS STUDY MAY BE OF SOME USE TO COMMERCE IN PLANNING FOR MISSION. WHEN EMBASSY ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR POSSIBLE VISIT OF TRADE MISSION IN FIELD OF POLLUTION CONTROL LAST YEAR IT FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ON THE PART OF FABRIMETAL (FEDERATION OF METAL WORK, ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND PLASTIC REFORMING INDUSTRIES). THIS LARGE AND DYNAMIC TRADE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS A SPECIAL DIVISION DEVOTED TO POLLUTION CONTROL. AT THAT TIME FABRIMETAL HAD SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF CO-SPONSORING TRADE MISSION. FABRIMETAL INTEREST WAS NOT SO MUCH AS QUOTE POLLUTER UNQUOTE BUT RATHER AS MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR OF POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION. IF COMMERCE BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE USEFUL APPROACH WE COULD EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY ONCE AGAIN. RENNER

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